

Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash-Smyrna

Smyrna- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit are investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred in the limits of Smyrna.

The incident occurred on December 3, 2019 at approximately 5:23 p.m., when a 2004 Hyundai Sonata was traveling northbound on Dupont Boulevard (US 13) in the left lane, north of East Glenwood Avenue. A pedestrian was walking in the middle of the left lane, facing southbound, near the south entrance to Smarty Pants Academy. The operator of the Sonata observed the pedestrian within the roadway and attempted to brake but was unable to avoid the collision. The front of the Sonata struck the pedestrian causing the pedestrian to land within the southbound travel lanes. Following impact, the Sonata came to a controlled stop and remained on scene.

The pedestrian, 67-year-old **Carole Anne Kasson** of Smyrna, DE, was not wearing any reflective clothing or carrying a light, and crossing the highway not utilizing a crosswalk. She was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The operator of the Sonata, a 37-year-old female of Clayton, DE, was properly restrained and transported to the Smyrna Bayhealth Medical Center where she was treated for minor injuries and released. There were three juveniles also in the vehicle who were properly restrained and uninjured.

The roadway was closed for approximately 4.5 hours while the investigation was completed and the roadway was cleared.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or

have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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